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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Doernbecher (Frank Silas) House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2323 NE Tillamook St

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Portland

VICINITY OF

3rd

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Oregon

41

Multnomah

051

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walter J. and Karin D. Poida

STREET & NUMBER

2323 NE Tillamook

CITY, TOWN

Portland

VICINITY OF

Oregon

STATE

97212

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Multnomah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Portland

Oregon

STATE

97204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Portland Historical Landmark

DATE

December 8, 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Portland Bureau of Planning

CITY, TOWN

Portland

Oregon

STATE

97204

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tudor Revival mansion built for Frank S. Doernbecher c. 1903 occupies a sizable parcel in the Irvington district on Portland's East Side. The neighborhood is characterized by stately homes laid out on a conventional grid pattern, which is protected from high-speed through traffic by perimeter street off-sets. The parking strip surrounding three sides of the Doernbecher property is lined with 27 mature maples. The latter contribute to general park-like setting of the fashionable residential neighborhood developed in the first decades of the 20th century. Subsidiary structures on the property are a gazebo and a detached carriage house.

The house is essentially rectangular in plan. It has a porte-cochere, entrance porch, and several bays and projections; and it is capped by a hipped roof with gables, dormers and slightly bell cast overhanging eaves. The 2½-story house is of frame construction atop a basement of coursed basalt. Exterior walls are clad with cedar shingles, and gable ends are finished with stucco and decorated with "half timbering" in the tradition of the Tudor Revival. Also in keeping with the Tudor mode are the massive brick chimney stacks suggesting clustered flues, diapered leaded window panes, a pointed-arched window or two, and wide, beaded vergeboards.

The Doernbecher House is noted for its exceptionally fine wood paneling with decoration believed to have been hand-carved under the supervision of Doernbecher himself at the Doernbecher furniture plant. The interior layout is typical of stately homes in this mode and includes the traditional richly paneled entry hall with elaborate staircase and built-in settle, formal dining room, library, and main parlor, wherein liberal use is made of bay window seats giving a vantage point overlooking the grounds.

Typically, the focal point of the main parlor, or living room is a burlled mahogany chimney piece with ceramic tile surround, bracketed mantelpiece and overmantel paneling. Soffits of the mantel's large console brackets are leaf-carved and are representative of special features upon which customized craftsmanship, indeed, may have been lavished. Overall, the vocabulary of ornament used on the woodwork is classical and includes egg-and-dart moldings, Composite column and pilaster capitals and so on. Wainscoting in the library and dining room is of Siberian Oak. Five large bedrooms on the second floor are finished more simply with birch. The uppermost story contains three more bedrooms.

It is reported that the Doernbechers were accustomed to entertaining leading lights of opera and theater who happened to be appearing in Portland. The present owners have lately revived the artistic events. Last May, the household handily received the entire cast of the Portland Opera Association production of "Meistersinger von Nurenburg." The house is regularly used for small piano and chamber ensemble recitals.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Lockley, Fred. History of the Columbia River Valley from The Dalles to the Sea, Vol. 3
(Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1928), pp. 353-354. Biographical note
on Frank Silas Doernbecher.

(See Continuation Sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY L-shaped parcel encompasses 26,500 sq. ft.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	52,799,4	5,042,540	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South 15 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 7 of the IRVINGTON ADDITION to the City of Portland.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Walter J. Poida

ORGANIZATION

DATE

1977

STREET & NUMBER

2323 NE Tillamook

TELEPHONE

503/282-0594

CITY OR TOWN

Portland

STATE

Oregon 97212

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

David A. Talbot

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 31, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE

3-14-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-18-78

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Pement, Jack. "Recovery Amazes Irvington People", Portland Oregonian (December 6, 1976), Northwest Living, page 21. Dana Olsen photo of Doernbecher House illustrates article.

Goetze, Janet. "NE Landmarks Few, But Scenic Sights Abound", Portland Oregonian (August 19, 1977), F1.



"DOERN BECHER" HOUSE,
BELONGING TO WALTER J. POIDA,
LOCATED AT 2323 NE TILLAMOOK
PORTLAND, OREGON 97212

Doernbecher (Frank Silas) House
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East elevation, 1976
Dana Olsen photo

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EAST SIDE OF BLDG.

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South elevation, main facade fronting
Tillamook Street.

Dana Olsen photo
1976

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ONT (SOUTH SIDE)
OF HOUSE